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IN DEFENSE OF GOOD GRADES

Twice a year at Penn State the scholar occupies the limelight. Scholarship Day is observed here semi-annually and on these two occasions the scholar forces his athletic brother into the background and himself stands on the pedestal that he has coveted throughout his college career. On other days, he sees the athletes, the dramatists and the journalists gain for themselves the plaudits of the student body while he is content to "pull down" good grades.

That the wearer of a Phi Beta Kappa or Phi Kappa Phi key is looked upon as a grand is a well-known fact. Too often does the sophisticated undergraduate who has dangled from his watch chain charms representing every activity in college condemn his more studious brother for evading those things which are designed to develop the personal and social sides of college life.

The question of extra-curricular activities has been and always will be open for debate. The argument for good grades finds no fault with activities but stresses the priority of high averages. In a recent article written for a fraternity publication, Dean Thomas Aikle Clark of the University of Illinois remarked that if he were given the grades of ten seniors, he would be able to tell fairly accurately their relative positions in life twenty-five years after graduation. So saying he picked at random the averages of six men who had been in his classes a quarter of a century ago and then proceeded to search for their standings in the world at the present time. It happened that the six men had been among the leading students of their class, and it was found that each individual occupied one of the highest positions possible in his respective field.

Perhaps the scholar loses something in his mad pursuit of knowledge. Perhaps he lacks initiative and happens to be a good student because he can easily absorb that which is related by somebody else. But with all of this, he has found the true value of an education. He has found something that his less studious friend has failed to absorb—that which made Dean Clark's six students leaders twenty-five years after graduation.

It is not the purpose of this editorial to advocate the substitution of good grades for extra-curricular activities, for it is the man who can combine the two that is recognized as the real leader. However, no man should be criticized if he desires to forge ahead in the field of pure knowledge, for while he may lose something, the other fellow will also lose something—the fitness and appreciation of art that comes with this pursuit of study.

Scholarship Day will be observed in the Auditorium this morning at ten-thirty o'clock. In the past, attendance has been small and the reward to the scholar was not as great as it first appeared. Penn State men and women are supposed to be fair-minded. Let them prove this by attending today's exercises and in this way they will pay homage to those among them who have more than merited their honors.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Much discussion has been aroused, especially among university students, by the forced resignation of Henrietta Perkins as editor of the Boston university BEANPOT. Dean Lord gave Miss Perkins the alternative of leaving the staff of the comic or having the publication permanently suppressed after the release of the March issue, a number devoted to the ridicule of the R. O. T. C. as worthless, unpleasant to student taste and undesirable generally. Much of the discussion has unfortunately centered about the merits or demerits of the R. O. T. C. as a university course while the real issue, which is nothing less than freedom of the press, has been left unaired.

Disregarding entirely the question of the desirability of compulsory military training and considering the subject from a purely ethical viewpoint, it would seem that Dean Lord's action in suppressing the offending number is a splendid example of the paternalistic autocracy which has been a thorn in the side of the university student for centuries, a thorn which has come unblunted through some hundreds of years of independence and freedom in the non-educational world.

The suppression of the March BEANPOT and the demand for Miss Perkins' resignation outrage what Americans, since 1776, have learned to consider one of their inalienable rights, the right of freedom of the press. Coming from the dean of a representative American institution, the edict can be considered in no other light than as a direct indication that free thinking and free writing will be tolerated only as long as they do not conflict in any serious degree with the sentiments of the university administrators.

Sane guidance, the product of mature minds, is highly valuable in student affairs as a limitation on possible excesses. But sane guidance cannot be classed in the same category with the dictatorship exhibited by the Boston university administration. Progress in the world comes only from youth or from those who have not grown too old to question. Boston students questioned; their supposed leaders answered—with a slap in the face. The reaction is typical of youth, still questioning. As the NEW STUDENT has it, "The compulsory R. O. T. C. marches, the freshmen and sophomores grinning, because they are not permitted to smile."

Librarian Urges Readers to Curb Misuse of Books

The Carnegie Library wishes to send out a special plea coupled with a note of warning in regard to the use of its reading matter. Books and magazines have been placed in the library for the student's convenience. Many of the students, however, do not realize that the use of the library is a privilege but rather is something to be guarded.

Probably it is this fact that is connected with the general reference to "fine books" and "fine magazines" which is placed at the unsupervised disposal of those who wish to read. In the recent past a number of the magazines have been carried off to such an extent that the library has been forced to take away much of the freedom of the student.

Some of the students do not seem to realize that other students wish to utilize the library's reading matter. Nor do they realize that the library must go to the expense of replacing it with a new copy or be bound and floundering. The students do not take reasonable care of the books and magazines. The Carnegie librarians will find it necessary to find some means whereby they will be properly protected.

Did YOU Know—

This is an unsuccessful attempt was made to show Vanilla at Penn State on April 20.

That in the FREE LANCE of April 1925 the editors had their first day of a week's executive duty to be held at home.

That the first extra-curricular bulletin to be put out by the Collegian was a musical handbook issued in 1924 by W. G. W. in the possession of a publisher.

That L. K. Metzger had mentioned was a regular on the faculty basketball team in 1924.

That the Penn State Y. M. C. A. was organized in 1879.

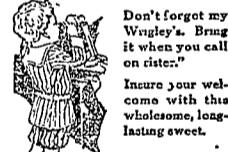
R. U. BLASINGAME MADE CHAIRMAN OF A. S. A. E.

Dr. R. U. Blasingame, head of the department of Latin in the College of Arts and Sciences, was chosen chairman of the South Atlantic Section of the American Society of Agricultural Economists in his presidential address at the annual meeting held at Cornell University.

L. G. Lutz, G. M. Poulakos and Practices Blasingame of the farm machinery department with J. L. Hisswell (mechanical engineering extension specialist) represented Penn State at the convention.

LOST—Quantity of folded bills on Tuesday night. Reward if returned to W. G. Buchanan, Student No. 101115.

"Hello Man!"

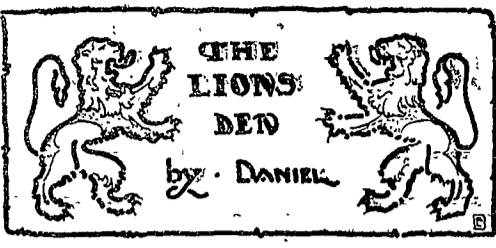


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Dear Daniel
You may think me presuming in asking you to print this tale of woe but the circumstances of the case are so fraught with dire possibilities that I throw caution to the winds and ask my pen in hand to bear your condensation.
Dear Daniel, I have long my conscience and I must have it before Friday evening. I didn't know it was gone till just yesterday, and as I had it when I came back from Spring vacation it must be around somewhere.
I would mind so much but I'm going to the Prom—that is, if my conscience is found with a man who writes good poetry. I'm not sure but I think you printed one of his poems. Anyway the point is that he is intelligent and would never take a girl so absent-minded as to lose her conscience. So you understand how I feel.
Will you please ask your readers if they have found it? It is size twenty and soft and white with a pale grey ruffle around the edges.
And just one more from Daniel. If any one finds it may he please leave it at the Collegian office. I'll stop every day until Friday to see if it is found.
Sincerely yours,
VANILLA

Daniel would like to ask Vanilla provided she is absent-minded enough to forget the "man who writes good poetry" and provided her conscience is all on leave of absence, whether she wouldn't consider a Prom bid from him. He is never inclined with a girl who had completely lost her conscience.
He also understands exactly how she feels without it. He felt that way himself during vacation and this is why he had bid for the aforementioned girl. The case was further with all possibilities.

APRIL SHOWERS

Oh, how nice
To have these April showers
But the one last Sunday
Early was a sobriety
Considered it every way
How we had about ten lessons
To prepare
Not to say anything
About the letter writing maetium
And what is worse
There was no way
To get out of doing them
That is, until the lights went off.
After the storm broke
And on the way
The storm broke again
Next morning in class

WHAT JO—

Daniel just got a bid to the COLLEGIAN banquet tonight. He will entertain solutions from the various eating establishments of the town for his patronage after the aforementioned feed, at his office this morning at ten o'clock.

FISHING TACKLE

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